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## Input Sought on Lakes Market

Do you want a grocery store - similar to Sweetwater Farms in Agua Dulce - to be built on the corner of Johnson and Elizabeth Lake roads?

Developer Scott Gayner put a flyer in last month's *Mountain Yodeler* to survey residents' opinions. So far, only a few people have responded.

In addition to the grocery store, Gayner plans to build a few small offices on the corner. These offices could house a bank, a doctor's office, an ice cream parlor, or other small business.

The parcel, which is approximately one quarter heavy commercial and three quarters residential zoning, would all be rezoned to C-2, light commercial.

The project will be discussed in detail at the July 12 meeting of Lakes Town Council. Please attend, ask questions of the developer, and give your input.

If you plan to fill out a survey, you can leave it in the mailbox on the site or drop it off to P.J. deHaas Properties in Lake Hughes.

For more information about the project, go to [www.thelakesranchmarket.com](http://www.thelakesranchmarket.com)

**Deadline for August 1 issue: July 15.** Send all articles, photos and ads to [dahlia.grossman@venzon.net](mailto:dahlia.grossman@venzon.net). For more information, call 661-724-1293 or 661-965-2201.



The two long awaited Welcome to the Lakes signs are complete. Shown above, at the intersection of Johnson and Elizabeth Lake roads, are the following people, who played major roles in creating the signs (l-r): Dave Faust, Steve Morrill, Mrs. George Pershin, Rob Kennard, Tom Hamilton, Teri Gordon, Bud Lehner, Jay Ryatt, Kitty Krell, Roger Gillen, Sharon Lehner, Randy Burnett, Michelle Hamilton, Jason Deaville; front row: George Pershin, Vito Rubino, Peggy Moore, Geldon Jones, Gene Heintz. Grossman photo.

## Power Lines Meeting Scheduled

L.A. Dept. of Water and Power will explain the Barren-Ridge Transmission Project at the Leona Valley Town Council meeting on Monday, July 14. The council meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and is held at Leona Valley Community Building.

This is your chance to ask questions on this latest power line project, one which could affect all four of our communities.

Check their website before the meeting: <http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp009508.jsp> or go to LV Town Council website: <http://leonavalleytowncouncil.org/default.aspx>

## Lakes Signs Dedicated

By Dahlia Grossman and Sharon Lehner

No one driving into the Lakes Communities will have any question as to where they are - not since the two community signs were erected, one near the west end of Lake Hughes, the other at the east end of Elizabeth Lake.

Eighteen months of hard work and planning culminated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the two signs on Father's Day, June 14. Many of those who helped design, construct and erect the sign were there to offer a toast to Bud Lehner, project coordinator.

How does such a project - one that involved people from Green Valley and Rosamond as well as The Lakes - get started?

In 2006, Lakes Town Councilman Norm Judd formed a public relations committee and that committee held a contest for a Lakes motto. "The Lakes: Where Nature is Your Neighbor," the entry of Elizabeth Lake resident George Pershin, was the contest winner.

When the winner was announced at the July 2006 town council meeting, Bud Lehner - who has since learned not to volunteer for anything - stood up and said, "Now that we have a motto, it should be put on a sign or something." Bud was promptly appointed chairman of the new committee.

"He really took it to heart," said Bud's wife Sharon. "He put See Lakes Signs, page 3.

## Paintball Driveby Angers Residents

By Dahlia Grossman  
Editor/Publisher

Three local juveniles were charged with several crimes, following a paintball attack on a passing driver.

A Lake Elizabeth woman told *The Mountain Yodeler* that on Monday, June 2 at least three teens and one adult were seen shooting paintballs at passing cars near the intersection of Johnson and Elizabeth Lake roads.

"They were hiding near a brown motor home," said the witness, "and as a car drove by they shot the paintballs through his (open) car window, past his face and past the face of his passenger."

The man whose car was shot at chased them, but the adult - who was allegedly the "shooter" - and some of the teens, got into a car and drove away. Two teens who couldn't fit into the vehicle were left behind and were questioned by a Sheriff's Dept. detective. According to the detective at the scene, the teens claimed to be look-outs. Deputies are still looking for the "shooter."

It is common knowledge that kids who take part in this "sport" must wear safety gear because of the risk of injury. Even through safety gear, paintballs can leave welts on the players' bodies. According to the witness, had this driver been hit, he could have lost an eye.

The driver filed a report See Paintball, page 5.



## Letter to the Editor

RE NEW GREEN VALLEY MARKET  
To the editor and residents:

Please use the email address below when voicing your comments.

The other day some sticky little lady came by. Asked if I was Mark Larson. I asked how she knew my address and she indicated that someone in town pointed her in my direction.

She never introduced herself and then proceeded to tell me about how wrong I was and that there was no basis for my literary comments.

She told me that Mike (one of the new store owners) was a good friend and that she had gotten the 200 or so signatures in favor of the New Store.

What about the other 900 folks in Green Valley? They never got a say in the stores development. Most of the development was done behind the backs of the residents of Green Valley.

I told her that Mike was trying to put this other side out of business. She squeaked back, "GODDAMN. I hope she

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leaves her store for how she treated Mike." Making comments like that has no place in Green Valley. This lady really hated the Slinky Canyon Store owner. You could see it in her behavior and attitude.

The owner has every right to end her lease. I told her that her comments were Bull S#!. And again she snapped back. "Don't you curse at me" and again I said Bull S#!. It spoke to you how I see fit.

Immediately she indicated that she was going to add my villainous language to her letter to the editor rebuttal. You don't go looking for individuals that write comments in the paper. I have every right when you trespass to defend my comments and for her to say otherwise is beyond comprehension.

So if you see a small sticky lady running around in a small pickup - watch out! She's trouble and hasn't got a clue.

Again, please address your comments to "mike@hinterprises.org" to be heard. If you want to be counted please add your name. Anonymous replies will be deleted.

Mark Larson  
Green Valley

## Developer not Ready for Planning Commission

By Dahlia Grossman, Editor/Publisher

John Allday, developer of the proposed Valley Vineyard project in Leona Valley, told the town council at the June 9 meeting that no date has been set for a meeting with the Planning Commission.

Allday acknowledged that he is still working on the challenge of the treatment of sewer for the project. "If this issue had been resolved, we'd probably be before the Planning Commission by now," he said.

A specific concern was raised by council member Larry Tyler about traffic in and out of the project. Allday said he would be happy to sit down with the councilman and discuss the issue.

Allday also mentioned his other proposed development, this one on the east side of Elizabeth Lake Road at Goode Hill Road. Although he was unable to answer a resident's question as to the number of houses he plans to build on that site or the purchase price, he said, "The bulk of the units are behind that (yellow) house." According to Allday, the project will be similar to Valley Vineyard, with clustered homes and "greenhouses."

"We do have a (conditional) will serve letter for water on both sides from Cal Water," he said.



## Disaster Averted in Canyon Fire

By Dahlia Grossman

High winds and memories of the Cooper Fire of 2002 sent some Green Valley and Leona Valley residents packing when a fire swept across an estimated 10 acres of brush on San Francisco Canyon Road on May 21.

The fire - the origin of which is unknown - started about 3:30 p.m. just south of Power Plant 1, according to Inspector Paul Hartwell of L.A. County Fire Dept. Flames came within several feet of structures.

Although the wind was blowing at 20 mph, with powerful gusts from the west, the fire was declared 80% contained at 5 p.m., and a long line of stranded motorists were allowed to continue on their way. (See photo.)

Five hand crews, 10 engines, and helicopters fought the blaze.



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## Lakes Signs

came and jet were put up at

subsequent meetings and at Papa's Mountain Top Salon and Greenside Bar and Grill.

Three hundred dollars in tips from the beer booth at the 2007 49ers Day festival were donated and the Woman's Club/Lakes Town Council rummage sale netted about \$2000, half of which was designated for the sign.

Others who donated money were P.J. deLaas Properties, Inc. Crossroads Tavern, Stacey Stephen, Rob and Debbie Kennard, Tom and Joan Guy, and Barber Roofing.

But the project still needed money and that was the chance Norm Judd was waiting for to come up with another great idea: auction the old wooden Lake Hughes sign that has stood by HELUS for the past 30 years.

This historic fundraiser coordinated by Norm Judd and Ted Gordon, netted more than \$5,000 for the town council, half of which was designated for the sign.

Bud and his committee got several bids for the metal work and chose Jay Pryor of Green Valley for the job. With the assistance of Ted

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The sign crew raises their glasses of champagne at the ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 14.

Hamilton, Jason Deaville worked with his students at Camp Mendocino on the routing of "Where Nature is Your Neighbor" and the painting of the wood.

Victor Feary of Newhall Hardware donated hand

ware. Ted Gordon donated money for lumber and also successfully solicited a donation from Stock Lumber.

Jeff and Peggy deLaas also donated lumber.

Finally, during May, the signs were ready to be put in place. Many volunteers came forward to help, including Roger Gilen, Rob Kennard, Steve Morrill - who dug the holes, Vito Rubino with his backhoe, Wade Rich - who brought the fire truck from Station 78 during the welding operation, Allen Sekeres, Bill Cook, Gelson Jones, Randy Burnett, Steven Griggs, John Martucci and Gene Heintz.

"It was the whole community coming together to do it," said Sharon Lehner, "either time, talents or money."

During the first two weeks of June, the logos for the community organizations were completed, and on Father's Day 2008, our signs were dedicated.

Two rather ironic things happened during the project. To appreciate them, we need to step back into local history about 30 years to a time when Roger Gilen - then president of the homeowners association - and Paul

the feet of Lake Hughes and 49ers Day to be more family oriented," said Sharon, "to they made these signs."

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the letters.

Jason said when this father Paul saw the new signs go up he was very moved because this was what he wanted all along," said Sharon.

Although it was for a good cause, Honorary Mayor Allaire Kistko and Yodeler Editor Dahlia Grossman were suit to see the old wooden sign auctioned off to raise money for the new sign. Bud, as Allaire puts it, "What goes around comes around."

Just days before we roared and roared Allaire as our outgoing mayor and welcomed the candidates for the upcoming race. Allaire found the second of the original

three signs buried in the dirt along Pine Canyon Road. She restored the sign, painting it a dense forest green, and with the school's permission and the help of Rob Kennard (coincidentally, the owner of the auctioned sign) - erected sign number 2 in front of HELUS. (See also, page 35.)

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Vito Rubino "taps" the pole into the ground.

## CHP Report

By Dahlia Grossman, editor/publisher, in cooperation with CHP Lt. Andrea Wilner

A quick analysis of the seven accidents that occurred since the last issue of The Mountain Yodeler indicates that six of the seven were caused by Palmdale residents, six of the seven were solo vehicle accidents, and two were caused by drivers for whom the CHP is recommending DUI charges.

**Local Person Injured**

Deborah Hargraves of Leona Valley was taken by ambulance to AV Hospital with minor injuries after her 2004 Ford Focus collided head-on with a 1996 Honda Accord driven by George Diaz, 28, of Lancaster.

According to the CHP report, Felipe Montague, 34, of Lancaster was going west on Elizabeth Lake Road. Hargraves was going east on ELR, and Diaz was going west on ELR, behind Montague. All three vehicles were approaching Bouquet Canyon Road at the time of the accident.

The collision was caused when Montague failed to yield the right of way and turned onto Bouquet directly in front of Hargraves. "Hargraves swerved to her left and struck the front of Diaz's vehicle," said Lt. Wilner.

Montague's vehicle, a 1996 Toyota Camry, was not damaged and he was not injured. Hargraves' vehicle sustained major right-side damage and Diaz' vehicle sustained major front-end damage.

A passenger in the Diaz vehicle was not injured.

**DUI**

The CHP has recommended DUI charges against Jose Bonilla, 23, of Palmdale, following a rollover accident at 6:12 p.m. on May 30 on Elizabeth Lake Road 1.5 miles east of Godde Hill Road.

According to the CHP report, Bonilla was driving east on ELR when, due to his intoxication, he lost control in the "S" curve next to the lion ranch. The report stated that the 1991 Buick Regal driven by Bonilla came to rest blocking the eastbound lane.

The driver was taken by CHP to AV Hospital for a minor injury.

The vehicle sustained total rollover damage.

The CHP is seeking DUI charges against Scott Alpern, 20, of Leona Valley, following a non-injury crash in at 4:40 a.m. on May 30 about 1.5 miles west of 50th Street West.

"He was going east on Elizabeth Lake Road and, due to his intoxication, turned his vehicle to the left, went across the road, travelled up a dirt embankment and hit the barbed wire fence," said CHP Lt. Wilner. "The vehicle, a 1994 Jeep Cherokee, continued along the grassy area and hit the barbed wire fence again," she said.

The vehicle sustained minor front-end damage.

### OUCH!

Seventeen-year-old Zeke Schumacher ended up in the dry river bed with his 2009 Nissan Murano after losing control at 7:20 a.m. on June on Bouquet Canyon one-half mile east of Spunky Canyon Road.

According to the CHP report, the driver was going east on Bouquet at about 50 mph when he allowed his vehicle to drift to the right, overcorrected, went to the left, and crossed the road. The vehicle then hit a dirt embankment and a wooden post and went into the dry river bed.

The Murano sustained moderate left-front damage. The driver was not injured.

**Rollovers**

Jesus Elizondo, 34, of Palmdale, accidently injured when he rolled his 1996 Dodge Ram down an embankment on Elizabeth Lake Road, about a mile east of San Francisco Canyon Road at 7:30 a.m. on May 23.

According to the CHP report, Elizondo was driving west on ELR at about 25 mph on wet pavement when he allowed his vehicle to drift to the right, attempted to correct, overcorrected, and lost control. The vehicle went across the road and collided with a wire fence and then rolled down an embankment.

Twenty-three-year-old Matthew Gonzalez of Palmdale refused medical aid for minor injuries after he rolled his 1997 Toyota ForeRunner on Bouquet Canyon Road eight miles south of ELR at 5 a.m. on May 6.

According to the CHP report, Gonzalez was driving south on Bouquet at about 60 mph and lost control while going through a curve in the road. The vehicle collided with a cliff and rolled over.

One passenger, a 20-year-old male, suffered minor injuries, the other passenger, a 27-year-old male, was not injured.

The accident occurred at 8:10 a.m. on May 7, about 95 feet east of Bouquet Canyon Road.

**Motorcycle Down**

A motorcyclist was taken by ambulance to AV Hospital with minor injuries when his bike went down at 7:40 p.m. on May 14 on ELR, 2.5 miles west of 50th Street West.

According to the CHP report, Bill Flores, 57, of Palmdale, was driving his 2008 Suzuki motorcycle east on Elizabeth Lake Road at about 40 mph and as he came out of a left-hand curve he allowed his bike to drift onto the dirt shoulder, causing it to go down.



## Salon Duron Opens for Business in Eliz. Lake

By Dahlia Grossman, Editor/Publisher

Congratulations to Tanya Duron of Salon Duron Hair Studio, who opens for business on July 1 at 14728 Sandy Ridge Road in Elizabeth Lake.

Tanya offers a full range of hair services, including cuts, color, perms, and styling for the whole family. She has extensive experience with children, having worked for five years in a hair salon that was geared toward children.

Besides her regular services, Tanya offers her services for "Little Princesses' parties." "I'll do the girls' hair and paint their nails and the birthday girl will get a little something extra to make her feel special," said Tanya. "I would go to wherever they are having the party," she said. Call 661-607-6090 to inquire.

Tanya has been licensed since 1991 and prides herself on her "clippin' cuts," she said.

Tanya and her husband Roby recently moved back to the area with their one-year-old son Frankie Lee, after living in the Valley for three years pursuing their careers. During that time, she worked at Whacker's in Studio City cutting hair for actors and musicians. One of her more well-known clients was Richard Hatch from Battlestar Galactica.

"It's very exciting to have my own salon," said Tanya. "I really look forward to doing something for the community and having a family-oriented salon," she said. An extra bonus is that the salon has wheelchair access.

Roby did the majority of the work in getting the salon together, but Tanya and Roby would like to offer their thanks to the following friends, who pitched in to help: Jack Friban, Jason Nelson, Tony Bruno, Kevin Tate, John Bailyaga and Don Doron (their dad).

Tommy Law and Mike McDaniels of TLC Cabinetry and Jim Conzoni.

Call for appointment: 661-607-6090. Sorry we don't take credit cards. See Tanya's ad in the business directory, on page 23.

## Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the Letter to the Editor in the June Mountain Yodeler from Green Valley resident Mark Larson concerning the "NEW Green Valley store."

I found the letter both alarming and wrong, both in its content and rhetoric. First of all, many residents of Green Valley are very much in favor of Mike Jaber's store opening soon, and many who pass the construction site have shouldered words of encouragement to the construction workers, and quite a few have actually stopped to speak to those workers directly to indicate their approval of the Green Valley Market's imminent opening.

When Mike Jaber's lease was not renewed on the property at the center of Green Valley, and he indicated that he would be opening a market on the property that he and his family owned at the corner of Spunky and San Francisco Cyn. Rd., a large number of Green Valley residents wrote letters to both Supervisor Antonovich's office, and to the Alcohol Beverage Commission Board asking for approval of Mike's requests for the Conditional Use Permit as well as for the issuance of an alcohol license. (If anyone wishes to see copies of those letters, I have a stack over 1 1/2 inch high, and would be glad to show them to anyone interested.)

I was saddened to read Mr. Larson's suggestion that people boycott Mike's store when it opens, as this is not an attitude commensurate with the prevailing attitude and reputation of the people living in the town of Green Valley.

I personally do not patronize the Spunky Canyon Market or the connecting restaurant, but I have never urged anyone else to boycott them. It is a free country, and we all have the right to buy what we want where we want. There are a lot of Green Valley residents who

feel the same way as I do, and we are all anticipating the opening of Mike's Market.

The new Market will also have three grades of gasoline, and all who have diesel engines will be glad of a close supply of that kind of fuel.

Concerning the part of Mr. Larson's letter where he writes about the widening of San Fran. and Spunky Cyn. Rds., at the March 2008 meeting of the Green Valley Town Council it was reported that, while there is a long-term plan to eventually widen both those roads, there is absolutely nothing on the immediate "books" to do so.

I personally contacted several agencies concerning this, as I am the secretary for the Green Valley Town Council, and that is what they all told me. To do something like this, all residents would be notified of any such proposition, and there are many meetings, etc. that would have to be scheduled before any such actions could be begun.

Besides, from where would all of Mr. Larson's extra traffic necessitating such widening come? I don't think that folks from "down below" will be flocking up here to patronize the new market, causing major traffic jams.

Yes, the commuters passing through would be potential customers, but they're already zipping down San Fran., so maybe stopping at the Market on their way would slow them down a bit.

Mike's store was a wonderful asset to Green Valley when he was here several years ago, and I hope that new residents of this lovely town will give him a chance to prove that he and his new Market will continue to positively affect this tiny mountain town.

Lu Bole  
Green Valley resident

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## Blinking Lights Steer Driver from Wandering Steer

To the editor:

I was on my way home from the Leona Valley Wine Tasting event on the night of June 21 when I saw flashing lights up ahead, so I slowed down, knowing something was wrong. I slowed my speed way down and all of a sudden saw a steer crossing the street. I swerved over to the side of the road and came nose to nose (with just the glass of the window between us) with a very large steer.

I never realized steer were so big - as big as my car! It was such a shock to come face to face with an animal as large as that.

I know if I had hit it, my car would have been badly damaged or totaled and I would have been badly hurt or killed (between us) with a very large steer.

I want to thank the person who pulled over ahead of me and had all their rear lights on to warn me of the danger ahead of me. So whoever you, are I hope you read this and know my appreciation to you.

Thank You, Thank You!!!  
Theresa Greene, Elizabeth Lake

## Paintball Attack

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with the Sheriff's Dept. and the gun was confiscated.

"Quite a few neighbors were alerted to the situation and I want the whole community to know about this danger," said a witness. "Some neighborhood signs have also been hit. I wonder how many other cars have been hit without their owners knowing about it," she said.

So, I am going to set up a website (www.truistakearanch-market) that will take the communities' input and allow feedback from the Lakes residents. If you do not have a computer there will be hard copy surveys at P.J. dehaas Properties in Lake Hughes for you to fill out.

I would like to have the Lakes Council set a date to vote (next August meeting) on having the property become down-zoned to all C-2 zone instead of half C-3, which allows such uses as a gas station, and half residential.

That is all we are asking for now, with all of the details of the little retail center to come later under the site plan approval process. And we can address such things as making the building fronting the golf course less intense and not all two-story. We look forward to working with the Town Council and the community to make this center a special place for a long time to come.

Thank you for your consideration with this matter.

Scott Gayner



## Green Valley Day July 4th

By Lu Bole, senior staff writer  
Mark your calendars for the festivities at the Green Valley Community Hall on Friday, July 4! There's a lot planned, some traditional, some new, and whether you've already seen 39 past Green Valley Days, or if you are new to the Lakes and Valleys Communities, this is one event you won't want to miss.

The original Green Valley Days was begun as a thank you for the firefighters who saved the town over 39 years ago, and it has been held on July 4th ever since. Spunky Saddle Tree Plantation was planted above the Green Valley Community Center to commemorate the actions of the courageous firefighters and their successful efforts. (As usual in our mountain communities, fireworks are NOT on the agenda.)

The day will start at 10 a.m. with the parade - and you really need to get your spot (preferably in the shade)

along Spunky Canyon Rd. between Calle Cascaron - where parade participants will be lining up - and the Community Hall, at Calle Bonita, where everyone gathers for the main events - food and games, prizes and fun! (Be sure to be at your chosen spot before 10:00, or you'll miss the whole parade!)

There will be several different parade categories: equestrians, tractor groups, bicyclists, pets, "Old Car Guys," ATVs and floats. Participants are urged to arrive early, but latecomers can sign up on the day itself, as long as it's before Parade Start. (In fact, every year there are always the folks who arrive in town just as the road blocks are being removed, and find themselves inadvertently weaving to all the parade watchers - but they aren't eligible to win in any of the parade categories, of course!) After the parade, every-

one will want to be at the Community Hall, located all the way through town, just before the now defunct Spunky Canyon Camground.

There will be kids' games, adult games (H-mm, I'm not sure exactly what they meant by that designation, you'll just have to come out and see...), plenty of food, consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, tri-tip sandwiches, Nachos, and corn-on-the-cob, cold drinks, no-cream, cotton candy, ice cream, and a cake walk (for which donations are requested from you folks who like to bake!)

For all you creative kids in town there's going to be a bike decorating contest, in which you decorate your bike (or wagon) in just as patriotic manner as you can, and then bring your decorated bike to the parade. There will be a \$25 first prize!

Other kids games at the Community Hall will be Fishing Game, Bean Bag

Toss, Treasure Box (for toddlers), Water Balloon Toss (rather than real eggs) and possibly Face Painting/Tattoos (temporary!) if we can get an artistic volunteer.

In the past we've never charged for participation in the kids games. This year, if a family buys a barbecue meal, their kids can get their hands stamped, and then can participate in the kids games at no charge, OR 10 tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 for those who do not wish to buy a meal.

Two live bands will play. The main one will be Morales, who tells us that he's Freddie Fender's son.

Todd and Debra Cooper's son Travis and his band will also play. Be sure to check out the Horseshoe Tournament, as well as other ongoing activities which will be featured throughout the day. And you surely will want to get in on the Chicken Bingo game!

You don't know what Chicken Bingo is? Then you've got to come out to

either participate or observe this particularly entertaining rural experience!

Some of the other main events at the Community Hall will be a corn husking (immediately after parade), a watermelon eating contest, Rubber Duck Races!! and either a 50/50 or a Playing-Card raffle. As usual, there will be reflexes of various items donated to the GVCH.

A large part of the fun at a country affair like Green Valley Days, of course, is participating. Volunteers are needed to oversee all the attractions, so if you'd like to really feel a part of this celebration, call up one of the board members and sign up to "work" for an hour or two, or just ask somebody on the day itself where they need someone, and you'll find that at the end of the day you'll really feel like you've been an important part of a very entertaining day!

Christian's equally-clean looks and demeanor coupled with those of his college sweetheart are the things gossip magazine can't get fed on. Until Kathy disappears without a trace just before her father is found robbed and killed along the road. Bolitar and his best friend, Windsor Home Lockwood III, both serious black belts, begin what appears to be a dead-end investigation until a porno rag turns up with Kathy's photo on the last page. Their conviction of her death is shattered as they make an all out search for clues, turning over coded secrets long held within the Culver family.

On top of all this, Bolitar's long lost love, Jessica Culver returns to town seeking help to find out what has really happened to her sister. Smoldering flames are rekindled between the two of them, despite their four year separation.

If you like good suspense with an entertaining plot, soundly written with believable characterizations, you'll enjoy Deal Breaker. Published in paperback by Bantam Dell.

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### Book Browser

By Orlanda, senior staff writer

Hartan Cohen introduces Myron Bolitar, sports agent-turned investigator in Deal Breaker, a haunting novel of family secrets leading to a murder with such entangled webs of deceit, you won't be able to put it down.

Christian Steele is every coach's dream of a quarterback, exhibiting every quality to make him a star in the pro. Bolitar endeavors to look out for the young athlete's long-time career, fighting the big money agents who offer Christian the moon and it's surrounding galaxy.

On top of all this, Bolitar's long lost love, Jessica Culver returns to town seeking help to find out what has really happened to her sister. Smoldering flames are rekindled between the two of them, despite their four year separation.

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## Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

I am writing in response to an article written about me in the last issue. It is to my dear, sweet, innocent old lady.

Yes, it is me the "law breaker". Somehow I knew I would be reading about our post office meeting in The Yodeler. You make our counter sound so dramatic it could be a movie.

First I must apologize for slightly blocking your car that day. It won't happen again. But, my little story teller, I did not yell at you. I do not have a handicap sticker on my car. But I do have painful carpal tunnel in both hands and chronic neck pain.

So instead of lugging an 18lb. baby and her car seat in to get my mail I parked right in the front so I could jump out and get it.

So if you want to be mad and write about me in the paper, go ahead. My family and friends know me and they know I am not the horrible "law breaker" you want to portray me as. Name withheld by request.



Kansas Gartenben completes his yard work. How's that for a well trained dog? Photo: Janice Gartenben.

## Who's Who in Local Business

Need a plumber? Want somebody local who is reliable and conscientious?

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See Steve's ad on page 23 of the Business Directory.



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## LAKES TOWN COUNCIL COLUMN

By Dahlia Grossman  
Editor/Publisher  
Elections

The Lakes Town Council is looking for qualified candidates to run for council in November 2008. To apply, please contact either of the following:

Ernest Lehner 724-0055  
Louisia Stephens  
louisia@yahoo.com

Four seats are available, those held by Peggy Moore, Tad Summers, Karen Graham, and Dora Karselius.

### Sal of Lake

Council President Karen Graham reported that Mitch Simon, owner of the eastern half of Elizabeth Lake (from the dam to Ranch Club Road), would like to sell it to the county, in the hopes that it might be turned over to a conservancy.

Councilman Chuck Kewich expressed his opinion that unless something is done, it will continue to deteriorate. President Graham noted that as a conservancy, it would be available to the public for some limited uses.

"It's not up to us who the owner sells it to, but we can direct which agency/conservancy might purchase it," said former councilmember Teri Gordon. "We need to ask ourselves what the purpose, benefits, and objectives would be to the community," she said.

Alternate Jim Walker commented on the abuse the lake has taken in recent years. "I've seen people tear down the fences, take a trailer to the lake and drop concrete into it," said Walker. "They also dump green waste." Walker noted that with a conservancy comes many regulations.

At next month's meeting, the town council will display a map of the area in question.

### Town and County Meetings

In an attempt to develop

an Regional Planning held its first series of meetings in June to develop a vision statement for the Antelope Valley Mountain. Walker was notified in June to publish a notice about the Lake Hughes meeting, about 25 Lakes and Valleys residents attended. Meetings were also held at several other locations in the Air during June. At the Lake Hughes meeting, the group was divided into five groups of five people each and residents explained to their group leader what they considered the area's treasures and what their concerns are.

From these lists, each group formulated a vision statement. Regional Planning will take the input from all of its meetings and come up with a vision statement that reflects the thoughts of the majority.

**Match your calendar**  
In July, another series of meetings will be held, this time to discuss goals and policies. For Lakes and Valleys residents, the July meeting will be held at the Lakes Community Center on July 9 at 7 a.m.

**Emergency Management**  
Council alternate Jim Walker reported on a presentation being given by the Office of Emergency Management at the Association of Rural Town Councils meeting.

Walker reported that according to Keith Harrison, head of the Office of Emergency Management, who addressed the ARTC, we have a well organized system, a lot of resources and good coordination among responding departments.

Harrison advised those attending the ARTC meeting that the bad news is that it takes time to respond. For this reason, Harrison's office is creating a brochure to assist residents in being prepared for emergencies. Councilman Walker dan-



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ted an often questioned emergency policy: mandatory evacuation. According to Harrison, you can not be forced out of your home during an emergency, even when you are told that evacuation is mandatory. But if you leave, emergency personnel do not have to let you back in.

Walker took the opportunity to question Harrison about the potential of using Kibler as an emergency exit, should the need arise. Harrison said that in the event of a serious fire, the road could be bulldozed to create a second exit for residents of the south side of Elizabeth Lake Road.

### Bouquet Power Lines

Council President Karen Graham reported that she did not receive the promised letter from the Forest Service about their position on the Bouquet power lines. Graham said she would follow up.

### Fire Hydrants

Former council president

Ten Gordon sent a letter to Norm Hickling, which he then forwarded to the L.A. County Fire Dept. requesting that a permanent water tanker be stationed in Lake Hughes until we get the rest of our hydrants. (A water tank truck holds 1500 - 2000 gallons of water, compared to about 500 gallons that a fire engine can hold.)

The Fire Dept. replied that they have a large area to protect and can't dedicate one to us.

As for the progress on the hydrants, Gordon said they started digging again but had to stop because they hit water. They will resume digging when the water table is lower.

Norm Hickling, deputy to Supervisor Antevorch, has been asked to exert some pressure on the water company to get this project finished.

### Golf Course

Regional Planning is still pursuing the golf course for visitors of its CUP.

President Graham reported on behalf of Norm Hickling that the situation is very complicated because the golf course has recently changed hands so many times. (See related article, page 39.)

### Swamp at Kibler

President Graham reported that Vector Control is monitoring the area for mosquitoes and snails and that, so far, they have not found a problem.

According to Graham, Public Works is looking into facilitating the drainage and will work with property owners on the problem.

### Johnson Rd. Development

Scott Gayner was unable to attend the June council meeting, but will be available at the June 12 meeting to answer your questions concerning his proposed commercial/retail development at the corner of Johnson and Elizabeth Lake roads. (See letter, page 5 and article, page 1.)

See page 9

## Lakes Town Council

### Johnson Rd. Devel. cont.

The first part of the process is to change the zoning on the parcel. The county has asked Mr. Gayner to solicit residents' input about the project, and about the zone changes. If you have not yet filed out the survey from last month's Yodeler, please do so. If you can not find the mailbox at the site (it is attached to a tree on the property), you can drop your survey off at P.J. DeLuxe Properties in Lake Hughes.

According to Realtor and former town council President Teri Gordon, in the 1950s, when parcels in the Lakes Communities were subdivided, there was some "wacky" zoning, such as zoning for manufacturing on single family parcels.

Some of the parcels are some of the parcels in Lake Hughes. "With a CUP, these properties could start manufacturing widgets," said Gordon. "A lot of properties in the area will be rezoned in the next few years," she said.

Gordon explained that this applies only to parcels that are inappropriately zoned, NCT to residential properties that have houses on them.

Gordon noted that the parcel at the intersection of Johnson and ELR is one that will probably be rezoned, regardless of whether the proposed project goes through. She said she will bring a plat map showing the exact zoning of Gayner's parcel to the next meeting.

**Community Standards District**  
The CSD meeting on May 31 drew a large crowd, according to President Graham. The consensus was that if (the CSD document) was what the community wanted," Graham said. "Only the exterior lighting section needs to be completed," she said, commenting on the fact that the county is trying to create a consistent lighting section in all the rural CSDs.

A community meeting will be held - probably in August - for approval of the final document. It will then go before the Board of Supervisors for a vote. President Graham predicted that by the end of summer or early fall, the Community Standards District document would be approved.

### Community Signs

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The former is the new site of Carmen Mackey Community Services. Liaison, L.A. County Fire Department, and will have the most immediate information about the situation.

Kennard also reported that he and two other members of the Fire Safe Council have collected emergency information from nearly 100% of the residents of the east side of Elizabeth Lake. "We are now going to start moving west, collecting information," he said.

The Fire Safe Council has a wish list of items it needs for its storage containers.

The biggest item is a defibrillator, a life-saving device for heart attack patients. Other needed supplies are a triage kit for 100 people, and an annual first aid kit, among other things.

"We need a reasonable portion of cash," said Kennard. "If you're considering donations for this year, please think of us," he said. The mailing address for the Fire Safe Council is 15444 Spunky Canyon Road, PMB 836, Green Valley, CA 91330. For more information, call 270-9911.

In addition to needing donations, the Fire Safe Council is appealing to community members to sign up to be volunteer firemen. "We could lose some volunteer fire brigades if we don't get some volunteers," he said.

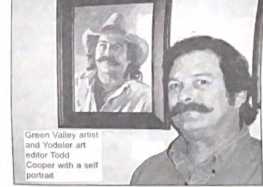
Kennard added that we all have to be on the lookout for potential fire hazards. "Twice I've followed cars down San Francisco Canyon Road and seen people driving down the road, out the window," said Kennard. "If you witness this kind of activity, write down the license plate number and report it to the Sheriff's Dept or CHP. The Fire Dept. says that if there is a fire at that spot, the driver will be held responsible," said Kennard.

### Community Center Dumpster

Lakes Community Center vice president Tom Joynt reminded residents that the large dumpster in front of the building is for Community Center use only. "Somebody is dumping dirty diapers and empty wine jugs in there," said Joynt. "Sometimes the dumpster is full and they pile stuff in there, making it overflow and flow all over the parking lot," he said.

Tom later clarified that he found the name of a Lakes resident among the trash and advised the person to pick up their trash or it would be reported as illegal dumping.

**Dumping Task Force**  
The task force is currently working on a plan to clean up the area around the dumpster.



Green Valley artist and Yodeler art editor Todd Cooper with a seal portrait

## Ask Dr. Dave

By Dr. Dave and Janice Gantenber

Foxgloves, long the bane of pets and pet owners, are named for foxglove. The name is also used for any "sticker" type of seed. The seeds are barbed, which makes it easier for them to be carried elsewhere to germinate.

If a dog inhales a foxglove, it's a problem when it comes to our pets.

Although the best way to rid an area of foxgloves is to dig them out by the roots, most people choose to mow them. When mowing them, they should be mowed before they turn brown and then again 6-8 weeks later.

Foxgloves can embed themselves in skin, where they continue to burrow, between toes (especially in webbed footed dogs), in ears, in noses, in eyes, in throats and in "private" areas, especially in females who squat to urinate.

If your pet is in a foxglove area, brush him thoroughly. Be careful not to just top brush, especially if your dog is heavily coated. A comb works well too.

Check between the toes, which is a common place for foxgloves to embed themselves. They travel up into the leg where they usually abscess and blow out.

Ears are also a common foxglove haven. If your dog is shaking its head, holding its head askew, scratching at its ears, whining, or any combination of the above, a trip to the vet is needed to remove the foxglove before damage to the inner ear is done.

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A generally snore, sneezes uncontrollably (often blood is visible by the exit), rubs its nose with its paws or along the ground, or has nasal discharge. A vet visit is advised as this can become a dangerous situation.

A foxglove in the throat often causes gagging and coughing. If your pet does not quickly resolve this, get to your vet.

Foxgloves in the eyes are seen commonly in cats, who usually manage to be able to remove them when they are elsewhere on their bodies. This can cause discharge, swelling and redness. Look under the lids for the foxglove. Often, the eye becomes scratched and should be checked by a veterinarian.

If your pet has discharge and is licking anywhere excessively, especially in private areas, have your vet check your pet. Just because you don't see anything doesn't mean that it is not there. Your vet has the necessary equipment to go foxglove fishing.

# Cherries Bloom But Once A Year

By Janice Gantenbein  
Staff writer

The morning of June 14 brought beautiful clear skies, a light breeze and Leona Valley's annual Cherry Parade and Festival. This year's parade was coordinated by Pete and Gayle Kaye, who stepped in to fill the very big shoes of Jim Born (and wife LeeAnn) who has coordinated the festivities for the past 10 years.

This year's Grand Marshals were John and Lana Seymour who were "welcomed and honored" to be chosen. Lana said that it was all very special made even more so by the fact that John had been released from the hospital on Monday after having brain surgery.

The Seymours looked very stylish and coordinated in their matching wine colored shirts. Can you believe

that they've missed only one parade since moving here in 1973?

The Junior Grand Marshals were Chloe Estrada and Olivia Mihaljevich, who showed that yes, in fact, the spirit is always here. Miss Leona Valley, Jessica Scott, looked lovely and poised, as did Little Miss Leona Valley, Brooke Night-Owen. The Borns were beaming as they were chauffeured, in Steve Ordway's award winning Model A, by Gile Roy.

LVA President Doug Moorman presented a beautiful banner (created by the talented Sandie Estrada) to the Borns at their vehicle round the corner of the parade route at Elizabeth Lake Road.

Roxanne Rakyma started the parade with a lovely rendition of the Star Spangled Banner and the parade band,

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ner was ably carried by Brad Lutz and Eric Ver Mass. There were queens from many surrounding communities, including Lake Hughes, Boro, Palmdale, Lancaster, Quartz Hill and Rancho Vista.

Gymkhana Queen Christine Ver Mass carried the flag, accompanied by

Junior Miss Heather Ross and Little Miss Chelsea Wells.

Melissa Rohaley, Showdown Rodeo Queen, was also present. Honorary Mayor Kim Benjamin looked resplendent in her beautiful cherry patterned dress while sitting atop a 1910 Cougar.

Bartolo de Casa Gutierrez, accepted the Sweepstakes Award from Doug Moorman and Vance Kirkpatrick.

The parade was narrated by the comedic duo of Frank Cosola and Mike Waters. Thanks go out to the Kayes for a job well done and to all who participated in making this another successful event.

Photos: Janice Gantenbein



Jr. Grand Marshals: Chloe Estrada and Olivia Mihaljevich



Pete Kaye, parade coordinator



Rockstars



The Cherry Compacts: Cassie Cherry and Rachel Thompson



Little Miss Leona Valley: Jessica Scott, and her court: Brooke Night-Owen, Valerie Broyles



Gymkhana Queen Christine Ver Mass

# Letter to the Editor

In response to the Elephant

Yes, long time residents have enjoyed the benefits of this easy going and out of the way town. Long time residents also know that the community will not expand too much unless the status of a being in a national forest changes. This is likely not to change because of a store. The only thing embarrassing is some people's fear of progress. This is a town and a community with people in it with families and jobs and lives.

It baffles me why someone might think that a store that looks very much like the plans that were approved signed by a portion of our community will cause such havoc and

crime. That a town store will cause such pollution and traffic accidents is paranoid. That Mark actually thinks that Mike paid graft to get his store approved is slanderous. Mark might like it better if the Jabers dragged some smashed up cars in their parking lot so it "COMENSURATES" with the community. I wonder why the owners of the Spunky Canyon store leased to the Jabers in the first place? Maybe, just maybe they weren't making as much money themselves. Then why did they not renew the lease? Hmmm. Maybe they wanted to take advantage of the business that the Jabers generated (they're nice people) it wasn't very nice to have the door locked during the last blackout when I wanted to buy some ice. Also why did they seek licenses to serve liquor at the cafe? Maybe it's time for the old store with their opportunistic price gouging to go away. I'm looking forward to being able to get a nice sandwich on my way to work.

Who is this Mark Larson to decide what we need? Is he a guy that thinks that a cell phone tower wouldn't help us either? Might a sidewalk make it safer for children or should we keep that space open for "TAKE MY JUNK FREE." Let us live here and grow just a little bit.

Chris Whitmeyer  
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Vacation Bible School is a summer day camp offering a variety of activities for children K-6 (Pre-schoolers are welcome with a parent to accompany them). Each week begins at 9:00 am and the children are released to their parent or guardian at 11:30 am.

Enrollment forms are available at Papa's Store and at the church. And late registration is possible at 8:30 am on Monday July 21st. If you have questions, please call the church office at 724-1370.

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## WEATHER OR NOT?

Weather data for Elizabeth Lake area (Elevation 3450 ft.)

By Tom Kaucher

MAY 2008

**Temperature**  
High-100° on 5-18  
Low-35° on 5-2  
Average High-75.5°  
Average Low-47.2°  
Average Temperature-61.4°  
Lowest High-56° on 5-23  
Highest Low-73° on 5-18

**Precipitation**  
0.03" (0.043" Below Average, 0.03" Above Last Year)  
Seasonal Precipitation (7-1-07 to 5-31-08) - 21.95"  
(0.76" Below Average, 15.06" Above Last Year)

## Outlook for July 2008

The morning low clouds and fog should be gone as we enter July. Expect an increase in the chances of thunderstorms throughout the month. The daytime highs will range from the low 80s to high 90s with several days in the 100s. The overnight lows will range from the low 50s to high 60s.

**June Averages and Records**

**Temperature**  
High-112° in 2000 Low-43° in 1987  
Average High-90.9° Average Low-59.6°  
Average Temperature-75.2°

**Precipitation**  
Average Precipitation-0.7"  
2007 Precipitation-0.03"  
Greatest Precipitation-58" in 1992

(Averages and records only depict data since 1976)

## Did you know?

The odds of being struck by lightning are approximately 1 in 800,000.

## LV Cherry Parade

Photos by Janice Gantenbein

Green Valley's Ed Ayres  
Green is the Marathon Man

By Cliff Cadaver, staff writer

When young Ed Ayres founded the Westfield Museum of Minerals and Reptiles in his New Jersey hometown, chances are that he had no idea he'd be a world class runner sprinting over the rocks and desert creatures he once collected.

When I saw the picture of him crossing a finish line on the front page of last month's Mountain Yodeler, I had no idea of the long list of accomplishments and records held by one of Green Valley's most recent residents.

"To the best of my knowledge," says Ayres, now a very youthful 65, "I hold the record for running competitively and continuously longer than anyone in America, 51 years." And he should know. He's the editor of Running Times magazine. He's also the publication's founder, originally marketing his periodical to reflect the whole road racing subculture that boomed in the late 60s and early 70s.

When I ask Ed how he got interested in long distance running, his answer takes us back to Westfield, and the East Coast high school where he discovered his talent.

"I got onto the cross-country team when I was 15," said Ed. As he reminisced in silence for just a moment, a sudden gust of pine air ruffled a potted forget-me-not on the coffee table between us. "I discovered early on," he continued, "I had a natural ability to run those ultra long distances that would buckle the knees of most competitors." Ed and his wife Sharon laugh when I tell them running cross-country taught me to bear the humiliation of finishing dead last on occasion.

Ed Ayres' passion for running started in earnest when he took 4th place in the 1969 Cherry Tree Marathon held in

The Big Apple. The first of his world records was set not long after that when he and younger brother Alex became the only siblings ever to place in the New York Marathon's top ten.



I can attest to the sheer volume of races he has won since then after being shown his trophy case, now overflowing and threatening to swamp his office in a tide of bronze figures and engraved marble.

There is a framed poster on one wall advertising the Boston Marathon. On it is a powerful image of a runner crossing the finish line, his face registering an intriguing mix of agony and ecstasy. Upon closer inspection, I recognize my famous new neighbor, complete with moustache and flowing hair from the Age of Aquarius.

"In my prime," says a beaming Ed with a gesture to the poster I'm admiring, "he then relates the story of how he innocently patronized a bookstore while researching his life's other great passion, environmentalism, and came unexpectedly face-to-face with himself. The store was located directly on the route that the Boston Marathon would be

following the next day. "Sponsors had used my picture from the year before to hype a new book," he says with his usual smile. "I had no idea."

Ed and Sharon Ayres moved to Green Valley from Virginia when they found the perfect community to "escape the stresses" of big city living.

Facing the endless challenges of building their custom, circular home on the top of a mountain demanded nearly the next three years of their lives.

And now, after four months of settling in, Ed finally has the time to get back to some serious training. A favorite of his is the run he takes from home to the top of Grass Mountain, something like five miles up a vertical goat path. A route that can wear me out just driving it is merely a "fun run" for this

man who, at 65, years my senior.

Ed Ayres excels at ultra-marathons, defined as any race longer than a marathon, with 50K, 50 mile, 100K, and 100-mile distances being the norm.

Not surprisingly, running extreme distances through courses as Hellish as Death Valley raises the challenge to an entirely new level. Once, Ed stubbornly held onto a

price of bread during a desert run, his body screaming for more fuel, yet repulsed by the thought of eating.

When he finally reached the next rest stop and thought he might force a bite, he realized that the blistering heat had

boasted his friend.

Listening to Ed, I find it's a complex art to keep the body balanced and going under such stress. He's entered an aid tent mid-run and been presented with trays of beautifully prepared, chilled fruit only to quickly turn away vomiting. And once in a while his heart

beats even faster when he's forced to hurdle rattlesnakes, standing erect like cobras, tails

buzzing.

Mr. Ayres also finds living in the Angeles Forest the perfect setting to pursue the environmental issues of which he also writes professionally. For 12 years he was the editorial director of World Watch magazine in Washington DC.

His book, "God's Last Offer: Negotiating for a Sustainable Future" has received a five-star rating and is

available at Amazon.com. He summarizes its content as "dealing with the global trends impacting the future of humanity."

I'm informed how current U.S. economic policy doesn't take into account the role of energy in economic growth which potentially may lead us into disaster. On the spot, I raise my hand in a three-fingered salute and swear a Boy Scout oath to continue recycling and maintain my strict vegetarian diet. The Ayreses return the gesture.

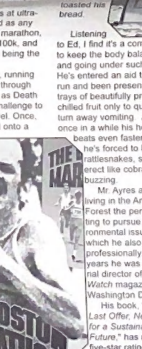
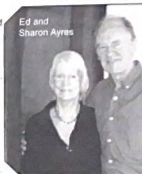
So as I share an hour of an idyllic, Green Valley afternoon with Ed and Sharon I

recall their beautiful hilltop home, I am at peace. Through panoramic windows I look out over our entire town and can almost see my house where San Fran curves to the west.

Behind me are museum-worthy works of art, organic sculptures of twisted root and agate and stone, fashioned from Ed's own hands and imagination.

So when he says to me, "We love it so much here," and Sharon turns to me, adding, "We've met so many wonderful people. Promise you'll come back and visit us," years truly actually gets sniffling when she hugs me goodbye.

Ed Ayres, author, editor, runner, record setter, and interesting new resident. Ed Ayres, environmentalist, vegetarian, artist, and evolved fellow human who gives me hope for the future.





## "Bugs" for Lakes Mayor

I'm Todd "Bugs" and I approve this message! That's right, my name is Todd, most folks in town call me "Bugs" and I am running for the position of Honorary Mayor of the Lakes. After visiting friends in Lake Hughes and Lake Elizabeth for several years and making new friends with every visit I decided to make the move to Lake Hughes.

Once I was an official resident of Lake Hughes I made the declaration that in 2008 I would run for mayor. The way I see it what better way to honor your friends and neighbors than being their public servant.

Being a man of my word I have officially thrown my hat into the mayoral race. Having pride in the town I live in is the major reason for me wanting this position. Being an "honorary" position doesn't make my dedication any less affected. I will truly try to make this a better place to live and make a difference for the whole lakes community (and I also want preferred parking at Crossroads Tavern).

For any information on donations to the "Bugs for mayor fund" or questions in general please feel free to email bugs@todd.com or call 661 724 1463. Thank you to my friends and neighbors for your ongoing support!

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## Green Valley Man Viciously Beaten

By Norm Judd, Senior staff writer

A 48-year-old Green Valley man who complained about the manner of Green Valley resident Joseph Reinhardt's driving was beaten with a steel bar for his concern.

According to Deputy Dave Jennings, Palmdale Station, the victim was near the Green Valley Store on Spunky Canyon Rd., at about 6:30 p.m. on June 8, 2008, when Reinhardt, 23, drove by. "The victim told Reinhardt to slow down," said Jennings. "Words were exchanged and the younger man drove away but according to two witnesses he returned 15 minutes later wielding two steel bars and beat the victim," he said. The alleged assailant then fled.

Personnel from L.A. County Fire Station 78 responded for preliminary medical treatment and the victim was taken to A.V. Hospital for treatment of concussion and lacerations to the face and head. According to the report, Sheriff's Deputies Martin and Kinsella, Unit 266A, responded to investigate. Reinhardt surrendered later at Palmdale Station where he was booked for Assault With A Deadly Weapon and then released on \$30,000 bail.

Deputy Jennings said, "Charges are now being considered by the district attorney and it appears that there is a good case." He declined to identify the victim or the witnesses.



Wait a minute! Who's that sitting right near Dick? It's Dorothy Solberg of Lake Hughes. Greenman photos.

## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:  
As a long-time resident having served on many community organizations, I would like to sincerely thank our editor of The Mountain Yodeler, Dasha Grossman, for all that she has done for our communities.

I feel communication between all of the communities is better than ever before. We are aware of each others' activities and are here to help each other.

We have been told numerous times that in the event of a major emergency we will be on our own for a while.

But we are not alone, we have each other. I feel The Mountain Yodeler is a strong contributing factor to the communities banding together to face some of the serious issues that could affect our communities and way of life.

Laura Vennetti  
Green Valley Resident since 1986

## Metal Man MixUp

Clarification needs to be made that there is more than one metal man in our area. In the last edition (June 1, 2008) of The Mountain Yodeler, a statement was made about some men driving a truck pulling a trailer that collected metal in Green Valley and the Lakes.

"Andre" is another metal man that has been removing old washers and other metals in Green Valley per the owner's requests.

Laura Vennetti  
Green Valley Resident since 1986

## The Lakes Signs: Team Green Reigns Supreme

By Jay "Power Jiff" Ryall and Kitty "Miss Kitty" Krell

Jay Ryall and Kitty Krell of Infinity Arts Studio in Green Valley would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who had a hand in making "The Lakes" signs progress from an idea to a reality.

First and foremost, Bud Leifer is to be commended for his tireless efforts. From fundraising to phone calls, Bud played an integral part of taking the signs from drawing board to installation.

When Bud originally approached Infinity Arts Studio with the opportunity to fabricate the metalwork and install the finished signage, we were thrilled with the prospect. Ten months, many meetings and a myriad of phone calls later the signs stand proudly. No traveler can ever be in doubt as to which town they are a guest of when passing by the signs.

Undoubtedly, scores of volunteers and philanthropists had a part in making "The Lakes" signs. But Infinity Arts Studio would like to thank the following for their participation: Allen "Big Al" Sekeres, Don "Steamer" Gings, Mike "Mab Top" Brink, Kenny "Munny Bock" Drew, Gordon Jones, Randy "Fish Fear Me" Bumette, John "Johnny Z" Zepfel, Doug "Where's Doug?" Oregon, Steve "Keep on Truckin'" Gregg. Along with the Infinity Arts crew, this hardworking Green Valley contingency is affectionately known as "Team Green."



Wade Rich, 5th 78

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Getting the poles ready



Don Griggs and Allen Sekeres welding



Jason Allen, Jay and Don



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## state of the ART in our community

The Art Page  
Todd Cooper  
Art Editor

### Drawing Hands That Don't Look Like a Bunch of Bananas

#### Block forms of the hand

The bones and tendons across the back of the hand are close to the surface, those around the palm and inside of the fingers are thoroughly padded.

Note the extra thickness of the pads of the thumb muscle and the heel of the palm.

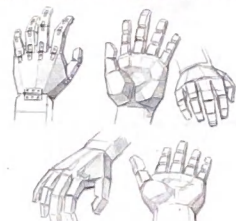
At the base of each finger there is a pad. These combine to make a pad across the top of the palm.

The pads of the fingers

protect the bones inside. Since these pads are all pliable, they provide an even firmer grip on objects. There are no pads on the top of the hand, though when the fist is closed there is a pad at the outer edge of the little finger.

#### Proportions of the hand

The next thing to note is the curved arrangement of the fingertips and knuckles. Two fingers lie on each side of a line drawn through



the middle of the palm. The tendon of the middle finger just about divides the back of the hand in half. Important also is the fact that the thumb is turned at right angles to the other fingers.

The thumb operates mostly in and out from the palm, while the fingers open and close toward the palm.

The knuckles of the fingers are slightly above their creases on the inside of the fingers. Note the flat curve of the knuckles across the back of the hand, with the curves getting deeper as they cross the knuckles toward the fingertips.

The middle finger is the key finger from which we determine the length of the hand. The length of this finger is slightly over half the length of the hand.

The width of the palm is slightly more than that of half the hand on the inside.

The first or index finger just about reaches the fingernail of the middle finger.

The third finger is about equal to the index finger in length.

The little finger just reaches the top knuckle of the third finger.

— How Drawing the Head and Hands by Andrew Loomis

### Black & White Group Show

At the May LVAG general meeting we realized that we had absolutely nothing planned for the month of July. How did that happen? I don't know, but we decided to have a group show with the theme "Black & White".

Beginning with an opening reception on Saturday, July 5th, Lakes & Valleys gallery will feature member works in black and white, in all mediums. The show will run throughout July.

In August, the featured artists will be your humble art editor, Todd Cooper, as well as photographer Claudia Saturday August 2nd from 4pm to 6pm. The show will run through Sunday August 31st.

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### "First Tuesdays" Life Drawing Workshop

The July Life Drawing Workshop will take place on Tuesday July 1st, from 7pm to 10pm.

The 3 hour session will feature a live nude model and a supportive atmosphere affording interactive artistic growth.

A \$10 donation is asked from each artist, at each session, to help pay for the model.

Sketching horses are available, or artists can bring an easel. All supplies and materials are the responsibility of the artist.

Workshops are held at the Lakes & Valleys Gallery in Lake Hughes. Participants must be over 18.

For more info on attending or modeling, email Todd Cooper: [cooper@lakesvalleys.net](mailto:cooper@lakesvalleys.net), or call 661-270-1301 evenings.

### LVAG NOTES

Members! Sign up for gallery sitting at the general meeting or the gallery on weekends. If you show artwork at the gallery, it is your duty to sit!

The next LVAG general meeting will be Friday July 25, 2008, 7pm, at the Lakes & Valleys Gallery.

www.lakesandvalleysartguild.com



## Green Valley Needs Call Firefighters

By Cha Vernetti

For several years now our local Fire Station 157 has consisted of 2 or 3 people. As long as I have lived in Green Valley, (22 years in October) Bob Porter has served as a volunteer firefighter.

Bob and his wife Ann have faithfully attended all of the community firefighter appreciation events. In the past, there was a long list of the names of the Green Valley Call Firefighters for the certificates of appreciation.

I know there have been previous requests for more volunteers, but seriously, we need more people. Having a fire station in our town makes it easier to obtain homeowners insurance. Without volunteer firefighters, our station's continued existence could be in jeopardy.

If you are new in our community or have been thinking about it, please consider volunteering. You must be over 18 years and in good physical shape. For more information please call Lake Hughes Fire Station at 724-1311 or John Grimm at the Leona Valley station at 270-1628.



John and Lana Seymour were grand marshals of the Leona Valley Cherry Parade on June 12. Gattenbein photo. More photos, page 10.



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## Letter to the Editor

Re: The Green Valley Stores

To the editor:  
I found Mark Larson's June letter disturbing in so many levels. It was so one-sided and inaccurate it bordered on slander. He was downright mean.

He maliciously attacked our Community Government and on a personal level, GVA's "past Administration", our Town Council, a group of worthy volunteers who support our Communities interests.

Because we had not agreed with HIS disdain of Mike's new Store? Was that really necessary?

And his so called "history" of Mike's eviction was laughable. Mike had totally rebuilt that place when he took it over (AFTER they had previously went out of business) and had then built up a very loyal following.

Mike's support of our Community events is legendary.

Playing the Blame Game is unbecomingly and uncalled for. Mr. Larson blamed everything but World Famous on our eagerly anticipated new GV Store.

I shudder to think what people in new residents to our area would be lead to think.



Top of the class. Left to right: HELUS Valdicorianans Joanna Buchholz, Katie Stockdale and Noah Kersey. Salutatorians Ashlee Benz and Felina Loya. Grossman photo. More photos, page 37.

about Mike's Store after having read through the self-serving tirade. Our Community rallied behind Mike's endeavor and we are sooooo happy that he is returning to our little town.

Mr. Larson claimed we was "that perfect Community to be suckered?" Hello?! We WANT Mike back! Many of us attended hearings in downtown L.A., made phone calls and wrote letters, etc.

Mr. Larson's main issues really seem to be that he hadn't gotten what HE wanted and more importantly, that he lost behind the new Store location and directly along San Fran. This seems to explain his paranoia about his "road widening" as if the County would even do that! Think of the Lake Elizabeth Road wideningiasco. The County has not stepped up when the RFP Developer balked, and its already halfway done!

Issuing a written Riot and calling our neighbors "Stupid" is hardly fair to our Community or to Mike. Or good Karma.

I hope for Mr. Larson's sanity's sake (and our sake) that he can come to terms with the fact that the new GV Store is in fact happening, and come to some sort of peace with him. I hope for Mike's sake that he can come to terms with the fact that the new GV Store is in fact happening, and come to some sort of peace with him.

Donna Griesel

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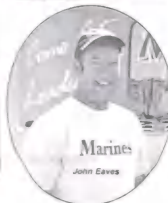
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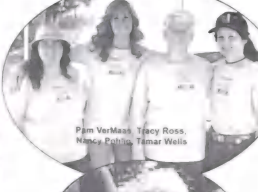
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## Leona Valley Gymkhana

## A tribute to our volunteers

Photos: Mike Pothig

## Three Points Town Council Sponsors Rural Relics Parade and Tri-Tip Dinner

By Susan Zahner

Here in the mountains, late spring is a good time for a little revelry, days are long, temperatures moderate, and the blooming, bustling energy from surrounding nature inspires us to kick up our heels and dance a bit. It's a perfect time for a fundraiser and a parade.

Of course, our community parade was not on par with, say, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade or the Rose Parade, but it was much more fun.

The procession consisted of not only tractors, new and old, large and small, but equestrians too. ATVs, a "carnival wagon" holding "wild animals," young folks passing out flags and totem not candles, and an old vehicle or two.

And one of the great things about watching our parade was knowing all of the folks who decided decorating the ATV or the tractor, tucking up the horse, hooking up the trailer, even driving the lawn tractor trailed by far haired children was the best thing to do on a fine Saturday in spring.

Leading the parade on horseback were incongruous western riders Ian Coster and Jane Randall, riding quarter horses. Of course, Ian's horse, Gandy, being a beautiful Palomino, and Jane's mount, Silky, a gleaming chestnut.

Professional equestrian Shae Rooney drove a small cart pulled by her miniature horse Buddy. After the parade, she kindly offered rides to the neighborhood kids and those visiting for the event.

It seems like almost everyone here has a tractor, and some have two or more. So, it was a natural thing to have a "rural relics" themed procession, although entries were open not only to older wheeled wonders of modern engineering, but the new as well.

Representing the village tractor portion of the parade, Daan Canfield drove a 1941 International FAIRALL. He has son, David, drove a 1959 Case 310-B, and their own tractor, piloted by Ken O'Hara, towed two of the charming Canfield girls, Linda and Melissa.

Harvey Kuch, town councilman, followed with his 1940 Ford 4N decorated with American flag banniers. Newer tractor was driven by Andy Westrick and Kyle Hennessey. Andy steered a brand new 2008 John Deere 380K Loader, and what a pretty thing a tractor is when it is new!

Kyle did some ingenious decorating for his Ford 655C Tractor and backhoe. His "garden in a tractor basket" sported potted bougainvillea, boxwood, calla lilies, and small pines, which graced each side of the bucket, and a fountain centered between potted water in front of his.

sign reading "Hennessey Creek Ranch."

Karen Plimmons drove her Yamaha ATV, towing a "carnival wagon" with two of her "wild" grandsons, Steven and Sean Pelletier. Their older brother, Ryan, handed out little American flags to parade watchers as the procession passed.

Karen's other grandsons, Tommy and Tyler Gilbert, were in a John Deere Gator ATV, and three tolas rolls to parade watchers. Johnny Bullis drove his ATV too. Finally, bringing up the rear, Dick Zahner drove his 1951 Ford Pickup decorated with flags and pinwheels.

Lastly, copious thanks from the Three Points-Labre Mountain Town Council to all of the folks in the community for their support of our parade and fundraiser, with out them our efforts would be for naught! Special thanks to Donna West for donating the banner "Three Points."

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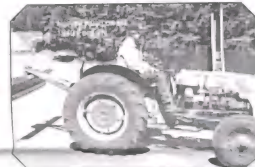
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Saturday Night," for silent auction, posthumous thanks to Jeanne Lank for her collection of recipes for silent auction, Chae Wanggard, our town council president, for spearheading the parade effort, being announcer, and arranging a million last minute details, Kathy Wingsgard for the gift basket and other items for the raffle.

Kevin and Kyle Hennessey for their generous donation of time and equipment for the public address system, Nellie Marshall, owner of Three Points "Our Place," who let us use her patio for the tri-tip dinner and raffle, Deputy John De Young, for traffic control, Ian Coster, Chae Wanggard, and Adam Kuch for grilling the delicious meat, Pat Coster, for his dessert donations, apple pie and lemon cake, and for being our cashier, K.D. and Harvey Kuch, council members, for their help setting up, for fudge brownies, and helping serve all who came.

Karen Plimmons, for running the flea market, raffle, and silent auction, and finally, Dick Zahner, council member, who helped with advertising, moral support, setup, shopping, banking, and being in charge of our parade sign-up, lineup, and for helping clean up. Thanks again to all who participated!



Photos: Donna West. See also page 30



## 2008 49ers Day Parade Application

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Entry deadline is July 14, 2008. For contact Peggy @ 49ersparade@aol.com. Parade Marshals should have the uniform. Marshals should also have the safety vest.

Send application to: Peggy Moore. Make checks payable to Lakeside.

## GOLD DU

Here's a reminder that the July 26, 2008. This year's theme is another huge success. You're there to run a booth, or volunteer to help. The day's festivities start at Community Center till midnight. There are crafts, demonstrations and crafts booths, demonstrations.

Here are some of the other events: Arts 'n Crafts booth, Kids' Clean-up, For Parade info, 49ersparade@aol.com, community@49ersparade.com, lakesidecenter.org.

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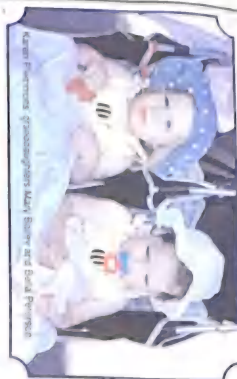
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Community Center Association

Here's a reminder that it's time for our Annual 49ers Day celebration, being held on Saturday, July 26, 2008. This year's theme is **GOLD DUST AND DRAGONFLIES**. Let's make this year another huge success. You and/or your organization can participate by being in the parade, having a booth, or volunteer to help!

The day's festivities start with the Parade at 11 a.m. with the marchette continuing at the Community Center till midnight. There'll be live music, games, the dunk tank, raffle prizes, arts and crafts, demonstrations, and of course beer and food.

Here are some of the categories that your group could be a part of: a Food Vendor, have an Arts n' Crafts booth, Kids Games, Raffle Prizes, Demonstrations, and of course Set-up and Clean-up. For Parade information e-mail Peggy at [49ersparade@statescommunitycenter.org](mailto:49ersparade@statescommunitycenter.org) or for festival information email Tom Joynt at [49ersfestival@statescommunitycenter.org](mailto:49ersfestival@statescommunitycenter.org).



**Three Points Rural Relics Parade**  
Photos: Dena Weil, excited photo at left by Sue Zahner  
See article, more photos, page 27.



**HELUS TALENT SHOW**  
Photos: Daria Crossman



**HELUS Class of 2008**  
On stage are board of trustees, and principal Sandra Lynn.



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## Adolescent Violence against Parents

By Marilyn Dalrymple  
Because of a dearth of information about parent abuse, it is not known how often it occurs," says Barbara Cottrell in *Parent Abuse: The Abuse of Parents by Their Teenage Children*.

There is also a severe lack of resources and support, according to Cottrell. "Many parents feel that the resources available seem to blame and defeat them rather than offer support," says Cottrell. "They often suffer abuse in isolation because of the shame and lack of public awareness attached to the issue. Hospitals, shelters and other institutions lack information about the topic and rarely ask the questions that could break through the silence and lead parents to gain support."

U.S. data estimates the incidence of adolescent-parent violence in a two-parent family as between 7% and 18%. The rate of abuse in a one-parent family can be as high as 29%.

A 1980 study completed by Straus, Gelles & Steinmetz states that two million parents were struck by their adolescents, while 900,000 of these parents have experienced severe abusive episodes.

Do these figures surprise you? When we think of abuse within a family we think of violence perpetrated by people who have power over others: a husband abusing his wife, an adult abusing a child. We think that parents have power over children so it is hard for us to imagine a child abusing a parent. But, it happens, and as the figures above dictate, it happens often.

Types of abuse parents suffer at the hands of their adolescent vary. Verbal abuse, often the precursor of future physical abuse, consists of verbally aggressive behavior. This behavior includes accusations, rejec-

tions, refusals to talk and attacks on the parent's character, competence or background. Teasing, swearing, ridicule, cursing and insults also fall into this category of abuse.

Physical abuse includes acts that are intentional and that cause physical harm against a person. Hitting, kicking, shoving, pushing, slapping or biting constitute physical abuse.

Attempting to shoot, stab or strangle another are obviously acts of physical abuse. Studies done in the United States found that between 9 and 18 percent of parents are hit by their adolescent children (Agnew and Huguley 1989).

It may be surprising to some, but the third type of abuse, emotional abuse, is considered by many parents to be the most harmful. "Brassers heart," says one mother, a victim of abuse by her adolescent son. "But words stick in your mind forever."

Emotional abuse comes in the forms of intimidating, the parent, playing malicious mind games (making parents doubt their sanity), running away from home, lying, threats, manipulation, degrading the parent or other family member, withholding affection or using subversive methods to control the family.

One method a child uses to intimidate a parent is that the child will call child protective services or 911 if a parent refuses to do as the child wishes. Parents easily fall under such threats. Once agencies infiltrate themselves into the workings of a family, things can get very complicated very fast.

Jerome A. Price says in his book, *Power and Compassion: Working with Difficult Adolescents and Abused Parents*, "There are some obvious problems with the manner in which child protection is carried out. Any experienced attorney will

advise parents to do exactly what the caseworker says, because parents have few rights. In a courtroom a person is innocent until proven guilty; in child protection cases parents are guilty until proven innocent."

Dr. Nancy Eckstein states in her article, *Emergent Issues in Families Experiencing Adolescent-to-Parent Abuse*, (Western Journal of Communication, September 22, 2004), "Emotionally abusive tactics undermine parents' personal or interpersonal competence, affects their ability to function in the typical parent role, compromises self-esteem, and instills the belief of negative personality characteristics resulting in emotional distress."

That is the danger in refusing to acknowledge the presence of adolescent-to-parent abuse. Parents get caught in a downward spiral of loss of esteem and power. They feel - and sometimes are told - they are worthless and that they are bad parents. With no one to lift them out of their despair, their situation only gets worse.

The collapse of self-esteem and self confidence are not the only losses parents can suffer. An abuse not often thought of is financial abuse. It isn't unusual for parents to lose jobs, homes and even their families. Stealing, selling another's possessions without permission, destruction of the belongings or property of family members and incuring debts the parent must cover are forms of financial abuse.

Repeated abuse of a person of any age, in any form, causes the victim to feel powerless and personal powerlessness can be crippling. The most crippling part of developing a sense of personal powerlessness is not just that others responded negatively to us, but that we had to deal with it by ourselves," says a victim quoted in the book *Who's to Blame?* by Carmen Renee Berry.

MSW and Mark W. Baker, Ph.D.  
The victim continues, "No one was there to say they understood, to talk about it, or to just be with us." The only "help" most parents of abusive children receive is blame. Blame because they punished their child, thereby making them abusive parents. Blame because they didn't punish their child, thereby making them indulgent parents.

Ph.D.

"First, parents often avoid talking about abusive episodes because they were either blamed or blamed themselves for their own victimization," says a 1981 study by Cornell & Gelles. "These parents need understanding, support and encouragement, not reprimands. They need help, not more problems brought on by a society that refuses to acknowledge or understand adolescent-to-parent abuse."

If a woman is hit by her husband, she can seek help and agencies equipped for offering protection and resources for assistance.

It's time to take this taboo subject out of the closet, open it up, discuss it and acknowledge that adolescent-to-parent abuse happens and find help for abused parents.

In the August issue of *The Mountain Yodeler*, stories from parents who have been there.

In the September issue of *The Mountain Yodeler*, what can be done about the problem?

Marilyn Dalrymple is a Lancaster resident, and a freelance writer and photographer.

She is the founder of *Respect for Parents Day*. August 1, an internationally acknowledged day to recognize parents.

## County Analysis Wrong, says Leona Valley

By Dahlia Grossman  
Leona Valley residents are still dissatisfied with the county's enforcement, or lack thereof, of Leona Valley's Community Standards.

Discussion continued at the June 9 town meeting about the offensive off-side lighting of certain properties, one of which has been a thorn in the side of resident Karl Pearcy for two years.

Pearcy told the council that the county concluded that a neighbor's lighting, which they admitted sheds a glare and a glow onto his property, was acceptable, even though no permits had even been pulled for the electrical work.

Council member Alice Benoit concurred with Pearcy's objections, saying that the county's analysis of the situation was incorrect. "I will write a letter to Regional Planning telling them we disagree with their decision," said Benoit.

Pearcy, who noted that he has cited four violations, added that he is waiting for the county to start enforcing the CSDA. "I haven't seen one (illegally placed) brick or stone come down," he said. "For the good of the town, something has got to be done about it," said Pearcy.

"Otherwise, it's neighbor against neighbor." Benoit noted that Leona Valley's revised Community Standards document will have a grandfather clause that will require residents with building violations to bring them up to code.

Benoit also reported that Regional Planning has drafted exterior lighting standards for the county which are much more permissive than Leona Valley's. They allow 25,000 lumens, our CSDA allows 8,000," said Benoit. "We need to do a critique of this for Regional Planning," she said.

Benoit said she would find out whether the county's standards would take precedence over the Community Standards District document.

## FAREWELL FROM MAYOR ALLAIRE



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## Letter to the Editor

More about those Green Valley Stores!

To the editor:  
I have been a Green Valley resident for about five years. I suppose in some folks eyes that makes me a New Comer.

It reminds me of a little town in Texas I lived in for 15 years. I asked another resident how long I had to live there before I would be accepted? His reply "I don't know, as I have only lived here for 27 years."

Sometimes the resistance to change is greater than the need to grow. I guess I missed the meeting when someone was elected to speak for me. I didn't get the memo! So, I'm

going to testify for myself. I have been to a small degree involved with community activities for a few years. I have seen first hand the attitude and support of both store operators.

As for me, I look forward to the new store opening. I served for six years in the military to support our way of life and its cornerstone. I don't need or want anyone speaking for me. By the same token I can speak for myself if something needs to be said.

Let me say (in my opinion) the new Green Valley store is not an embarrassment but an asset to the community.

Now, let's get to the pollution of our air and water. What a great argument! It's in vogue. What a great hot button. I wish I was wiser in this area but rest assured that if polluting the air we breathe or the water we drink has the slightest chance of being an issue, the environmentally friendly wash dogs would be on it like a duck on a June bug.

These people are much more knowledgeable than I am, but he passed the rigorous requirements and testing of the county and the state which we all know are among the toughest in the nation.

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the room quite full of Green Valley residents with questions about the new store. Obviously, the questions involving environmental impact questions were answered as construction progressed... after which the proprietor moved through the gauntlet many many times to get his approvals.

He not only had to satisfy those of us who wanted a store here but still wanted the Green Valley that is still our home, but he passed the rigorous requirements and testing of the county and the state which we all know are among the toughest in the nation.

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those orange construction cones tell they turn yellow and red. They may someday widen San Francisco Canyon Rd. but it will be long after I have assumed room temperature.

Speaking of our way of life, fees enterprises is the cornerstone of our system. When there is competition, prices go down, and service improves. Let us let the chips fall where they may. Let the system "settle the dust." I wish the best of luck to both operators.

P.S. Welcome home Mikel. Sincerely, Sam and Ginni Neely

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## The High Desert Organic Gardener

By Robert Kenkes  
contributing writer

Our dire economic times are causing great difficulty for the Mountain Yodeler. The entire country area saved by the Yodeler would suffer a serious loss should the Yodeler cease to exist. The Internet is great but for real local coverage for everyone nothing beats the printed word. Please support the Yodeler with subscriptions and contributions. I have always favored public supported media over any other form as then the public determines coverage and not the vested interests of corporations and businesses.

The longest day of the year has come and gone. I often think in terms of the seasons being from the longest day to the shortest day and back to the longest. In between are a number of mini-seasons. Plants are aware of the shortening of day length and vice versa. I have found that melons in particular do better if planted sometime in mid-to late May rather than later, but this year Spring was such a cool period most of the time that the young melon and cucumber plants just didn't want to take off. Add the ongoing wind to the situation and excessive watering, and the stems of the young plants just above and below the soil rot and the plant dies. So I had to do some reseeded later in the season than I like to. Last year I grew many squashes around one of my woodpiles. Throughout the winter I burned logs from that pile. As I reached towards the bottom of the pile I encountered huge numbers of squash bugs! This season I waited before planting any squash plants. Sure enough some squash bugs showed up where squash plants had

been but there were none for them. Surprisingly I did find a number of squash bugs hanging out on my blackberry bushes but they don't lay eggs there so they can't reproduce there. Planting later in the season is a good ploy for dealing with squash bugs.

Also last year I did not grow any cukes throughout the winter as aphids did not have any plants to survive the winter on. I started my broccoli plants in the greenhouse in mid-winter and later transplanted to the garden. I have yet to see any aphids this year, which truly amazes me. This is another way of dealing with insect pests.

Timing. I still got plenty of broccoli but the heads developed later in the season. If broccoli is planted around mid-August, and plants through the winter, then the heads will begin to show as early as late February but really start to take off some time in March.

Greenhouse started broccoli planted in late February produces heads much later in the season and I am still cutting heads. I read that a very good winter growing cole is Brussels sprouts and that they are one of the very best cold hardy varieties. A broccoli I haven't tried but is highly cold hardy recommended as Purple Sprouting Check Territorial Seeds and while you're at it order your garlic cloves for October planting. Territorial Seeds puts out a fall and winter gardening catalog. It is fairly thin.

Bees are still almost non-existent at my place. I have been asking around and find this to be a common problem. However bees are very numerous in the Elizabeth Lake area and I see many bees, especially bumblebees

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at one member's place. I noticed many people in her area have lots of flowering plants but there is also the lake and the wild areas around the lake with plenty of water and habitat. So I am wondering if the ongoing drought has had something to do with the diminishing bees?

More and more people are showing up at the Gardener's Co-op meetings but not everyone comes to every meeting. More people have been coming to my place and I could have had more than I have but illness laid me up for a few weeks and I had to curtail the flow of people.

As the co-op expands and individuals become more productive we will see more produce and meat being exchanged as well as work and knowledge. I have a large crop of aged valenian and am looking for someone to dig up much of the crop, clean and chop the roots for one half of the yield. Valenian root is a very reliable muscle relaxant from which Valium was originally produced but valenian does not have any of the addictive qualities of the synthetic Valium.

Wife Robin still has openings for women who want to go horse riding. I see a horse co-op forming. Please be willing to help with the support of the horse's upkeep as well as going riding.

July Gardening Co-op meetings will be on the 5th and 19th, both Saturdays, at 10 a.m. at the Greenhouse Bar and Grille in Elizabeth Lake.

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## Green Valley Town Council Update

The return of Dumpster Day was a huge success! We would like to thank the community for its support. A big thanks goes to Waste Management for providing two roll-off bins. The event would not have happened at all if it were not for the continued support of Larry Goetschel, the true Master of the Bin! Not even Larry can remember how many Dumpster Days he has done. Truly a thankless position, Larry's bin stacking skills are unsurpassed!

Green Valley Town Council's four members were the only people in attendance at the June 11 meeting. Your attendance was missed but perhaps it means we are doing a good job? It could also have something to do with their being so many meetings lately that people are burnt out. Between the "Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project" and the L.A. County Department of Regional Planning's "Town and Country", an effort to update the Antelope Valley Area Plan - there is a lot going on.

When possible, council members and helpful residents are attending other meetings dealing with issues that might affect Green Valley, such as the meeting of the Association of Rural Town Councils and the Illegal Dumping Task Force.

Our goal is to keep you posted about what is happening around us. As much as we enjoy your attendance at our meetings please feel free to call any of us with concerns or ideas you may have if you are unable to attend.

Again, we are asking that someone PLEASE consider filling the required fifth council member position. Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month.

Our next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on July 9 at the Green Valley Community Hall.

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## HELUS Graduates



Congratulations to the following eighth grade students, who graduated from HELUS on June 12:

Alison Adams*	Brooklyn Collins**	Lauren Lipson	Katherine Stockdale*
Paul Birt*	Alexandra Colton*	Felina Loya*	Melissa Waters*
Joanna Buchholz*	Crystal Deaville*	Kayla Jackson	Brandon Webb
Danielle Chaffler**	Sean Ehrenkrantz*	Dulce Jung	Joleen Weibe
	Michael Feany**	Noah Kersey*	
	Patrick Feany**	Steven Kruger*	
	Carmen Garcia**	John Lewis	
	Aaron Gardner	Chad Roslin*	
	Hannah Gonzales		
	Alexandra Gonzalez		



Peggy Moore (left) gives awards to (left to right) (1) Alison Adams for academic achievement (from Lakes Community Center), (2) Sean Ehrenkrantz for academic achievement (from Lakes Community Center), and (3) Chad Roslin, for school involvement (from Lakes Town Council).

## Thank You from the Grigsby Family

To our Lakes and Valley Family  
We would like to thank all of you for everything you have done for our family the past few months.  
Emily was a very special person. Growing up in this valley helped to make her the wonderful person she was.  
She made such good friends who meant the world to her. Even though everyone

seems to drift... Emily always had a special sparkle in her that made her shine. I give credit to that to all of the people that touched her in her life. When she finally was old enough to move out she refused to leave Lake Elizabeth and found a great house which she loved like her own. She had great landlords. Thank you! Her aunt and uncle and cousin Brandon who were always right around the corner if she ever needed them.

Thank you to all of you for making Emily the very special person that she was, she loved all of you. There are so many people to list, I can't possibly name you all. Keep your memories with her close to you forever.

Dave,  
Hannah and I will always remember Emily's sweet loving personality.

Thank you to a wonderful community for helping us raise such a special daughter. She will truly be missed!  
Dave, Brenda and Hannah Grigsby



Emily liked to catch snowflakes

went their own ways, she still remained connected with all of them. Her teachers at HELLS, Ms. Mertens, and June, the bus driver, all had a special place in her heart. Our wonderful neighbors who put up with her birthday parties, loud music, and her

## Shakey Quakey at 49ers Day

Shakey Quakey, the earthquake simulator, will be at the 49ers Day festival for four hours in the afternoon on Saturday, July 26.

## CORRECTION

In last month's issue, we named one of the Lakes Honorary Mayoral candidates as Samantha McGee. Her name is Samantha McGovern. We apologize for the error.  
Please support the Lakes Community Center by voting for one or all of our candidates.



## Chipper Day a Success

By Cha Vennetti  
The Angeles Forest Valleys and Lakes would like to thank everyone for the great turnout of the first "Free Chipper Day."

This U.S.D.A. Forest Service event conducted with the assistance of the Fire Safe Council had brush-filled trucks lined up along Spunky Canyon. As trucks pulled up, U.S.D.A. Forest Service crews unloaded the trucks and fed the chipper.

At times it was non-stop. Part of the crew got called to a fire and had to leave for a short period but were able to return to finish the job. Pizza and water was provided by the Fire Safe Council.

We hope to make this an annual event. Getting rid of dry brush near your home is an important way to make your home FIRE SAFE.

We invite you to join us at our booth at Green Valley Days on the 4th of July. We will be providing information and collecting donations for our emergency bins. You would be surprised what you might have that you no longer need that we could really use. Slightly worn blankets and towels are very helpful in emergency situations.

You will also see us at the Lakes 49ers Day festival. In addition to information and donation collection, we will have the "Shakey-Quakey" house. We hope to see you soon at one of these events or one of our meetings.

Our meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. The next two meetings are July 2 at the Lakes and August 6 in Leona Valley. We are hoping for a good turnout for our August meeting because we will have guest speaker, J. Lopez of the L.A. County Fire Department.

We enjoy hearing from you. Please call us at 270-9911.

## Healthy Living (from page 26)

To a lesser extent, the same process occurs when we abandon lower quality foods and replace them with better foods. Lower quality foods are those that have undergone more preparation. Spices, salt and other ingredients have been added, and they tend to be more stimulating than less prepared and more natural foods.

Animal foods such as meat, fowl, fish, etc. are more stimulating than less prepared and more natural foods. They are also more stimulating than cheese, nuts and vegetable proteins. Consequently, the withdrawal of stimulation which follows the abandonment of animal food produces a slower heart action—a resting phase—which registers in the mind as relaxation or a decrease in energy.

This initial between lasts about 10 days or slightly longer and is followed by an increase of strength, a feeling of diminishing stress and greater well-being.

Now, let us return to the symptoms which occur in the process of regeneration. The person who starts a better diet, stays on it for three days to a week and then quits will say, "Oh! I feel better on the old diet. The new one made me feel weak."

He failed because he didn't give his body a chance to adjust and complete its first phase of action—regeneration. If he had waited a while longer, he would have begun to feel better than before he started.

During this initial phase (lasting about 10 days on the average to several weeks in others), the vital energies which are usually in the periphery or external part of the body such as the muscles and skin, begin to move to the vital internal organs and start reconstruction.

This shunting of much of the power to the internal region produces a feeling of less energy in the muscles, which the mind interprets as weakness.

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tried to smile and make him feel beautiful."

She said he grieved because he didn't want anyone to see him in that condition but he became physically unable to end his own life or even to speak.

Isa reflected on the suffering of Jesus during crucifixion and although both ladies honored God's will, they now live with regret that Fernando was deprived of a more dignified passing. Consequently they now favor assisted death such as Oregon allows.

Among the many issues too complex to explore fully in this article is the effect slow death has on others.

My 65-year-old brother-in-law died after wasting away for two years, while enduring two costly surgeries for brain cancer.

Changing his diapers and coping with other physical and medical needs of this modest, dignified man was exhausting for all of us, but mostly for him, and his devoted wife.

I know he never fully understood the emotional, physical and financial burdens on others even with insurance and the wonderful aid of hospice.

Some readers are appalled at deliberately ending a human life. And it's true

"The Way I See It!"



that any type of suicide traumatizes some survivors, but does that outweigh the advantages to caretakers who must otherwise care for the afflicted?

The belief that only God can give or take life is not negotiable for most Christians. But is it also immoral to legally withdraw life support, food, or water when the afflicted plead to hasten death?

Although suicide is not a crime in California, anyone who advises, encourages, or assists may be prosecuted under the "Dr. Death" law. Jack Kurokian assisted 130 to die over the span of ten years. So the state convicted him of First Degree Murder and he served eight years of a 25-year sentence.

Oregon is the only state currently permitting euthanasia. Doctors there reported assisting 341 terminally ill patients during the past 10 years. There were probably more that went unreported. California law did not allow Lisa Cordova and Ima to help Fernando die, but they hope laws will change to give residents of all states a choice.

Their experience may help others think things through before grief and anxiety cloud their reasoning. They also hope for feedback from readers. I appreciate their posing the question because they agree with "The Way I See It!"



Green Valley raised money for pediatric cancer research by selling lemonade

## GV Kids Raise Money for Cancer Research

Kid's fighting childhood cancer one cup at a time!

By Teresa Poston, Green Valley

The Alex Scott Lemonade Stand for pediatric cancer research was a great success in Green Valley on June 1. It was a day for all kids in the community to come together and sell lemonade for every single child who's battling cancer. The foundation was started by Alexandra "Alex" Scott of Pennsylvania, who was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a type of childhood cancer. At the age of four, she decided to have a lemonade stand to raise money for doctors to find a cure for childhood cancer.

Alex's first lemonade stand raised \$2000, and she continued to hold lemonade stands yearly to benefit childhood cancer research. The news spread all over the world and people from all over the world, moved by her story, held their own lemonade stand and donated the proceeds to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.

Alex passed away in August of 2004 at the age of eight. She had raised \$1 million to help find a cure for the disease that took her life.

I am so proud of the kids who participated in this event. The kids raised \$302.34 to benefit childhood cancer research. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of them: K.C. and Austin Poston, Jaime Mills, P.J. Berry, Logan Batt, Daunta Perkins, Sage and Codi Farmer, Jacob and Michael McManis, and John Corrales.

Thanks also to all the wonderful customers who stopped to recognize kids making a difference! Let's keep praising our children for all the positive actions they take.





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